DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

APRIL 27, 2011

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley
Retiree Chapter: R. LeDuc, D. Morano, S. DeMarco, L. Smith; Teaching Assistant Chapter: S. Manning, T. Brady-Lyden, B. Johnson; Committee Chairs/Other Attendees: J. Richards Retiree, A.M. Healey Teacher Center Policy Board.

Schools not represented: Administration; Gardnertown; Heritage Middle; Vails Gate; West St; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; St. Joseph; Substitute Chapter

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:19 pm.
Moment of silence for the family of LaShanda Armstrong and her children.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 30, 2011

Moved: M. Scully
Second: C. Franklin
Passes unanimously
PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

1. Board of Education candidate interviews will be tomorrow, April 28, 2011 starting at 4:30 pm. At this time 6 candidates are seeking NTA endorsement. Thank you to all the participants who sent in questions for this event.
2. The Grade 6 staffing reconfiguration meeting is scheduled for 4 pm April 28, 2011 at the Board of Education.
3. The Meadow Hill and Temple Hill staffing reconfiguration meetings letters are going out tomorrow. Meeting will take place Friday, May 6, in each building.
4. The Pre-K and West Street staffing reconfiguration discussions are ongoing. Staff is not able to move until the District abolishes positions from the layoffs.
5. Committee sign up forms are due back to the NTA today. Emails are also acceptable to apply for committee positions.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Welcome back from spring break.
2. Attended the budget meetings in March and April.
3. Attended the NYSUT Representative Assembly in NYC as well as the rally in Times Square.
4. Attended the ED 14 dinner meeting where Mr. Richard Iannuzzi was the guest speaker.
5. Teaching Assistant Chapter liaison work continues.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Attached.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Central Compact: T. Vidi reported the last meeting was held at Balmville School. There was a presentation by a librarian who spoke about Library Benchmarks. The next meeting will be at Fostertown School.

Educational Issues: G. Pinheiro reported on the local rallies of March 3, March 16, April 4, and April 9, 2011. Thanks to everyone who participated. The BOE candidate interviews will be at the NTA tomorrow, April 28, 2011 starting at 4:30 pm. Phone banks are scheduled for May 11 (our next Delegate Assembly date), 12, and 16, 2011 starting at 5 pm. Head delegates please give names of volunteers from your building to myself or J. Conn.

Grievance: B. Johnson reported there is one Teaching Assistance grievance pending.

Health and Safety: J. Daley reported there was no meeting this month due to the spring break.

Labor Management: D. Brown reported negotiations are continuing, with the next meeting scheduled for May 16, 2011.

ER&D: J. Eitel reported there are no plans for New Teacher Orientation or Teaching Assistant Workshops in the fall.
NTC: A.M. Healey reported the final meeting of the NTC Policy Board was April 11, 2011. The NTC will be officially closed on June 24, 2011. Sign up for In-service courses will be via Win Cap. Any questions should be directed to Mr. M. McLymore at the BOE. May 5, 2011 a financial planning seminar is planned.

SAVE: B. Browne reported that changes to the new referral form were reviewed. One change to note is where the Code of Conduct states “an Administrator and /or his/her designee” can remove a student, the change will reflect “an Administrator and/or an Administrative Designee…” Training session suggestions were included on the new form.

Special Events: J. Laudiero reported the Friends of Education Dinner has been changed to the Osiris Country Club, with tickets on a first come first served basis, due to the Powleton Club being too small for this years’ anticipated attendance.

VOTE/COPE: M. Olsen reported nothing new, but keep donations coming.

Retiree Chapter: L. Smith asked about the input to the Board of Education from the NTA on the layoffs and proposed budget.

Teaching Assistant Chapter: Starting and Staying Healthy in Newburgh scheduled for May 7, 2011. Flyers coming out next week.

Substitute Chapter: Minutes from meeting should be online tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION # 1

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the NTA to adopt an operating budget yearly, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Delegate Assembly approve the 2011-2012 NTA Budget as presented.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: D. Brown
Second: J. Conn \hspace{1cm} Passes Unanimously

MOTION # 2

Whereas, the Mid Hudson Regional Office of NYSUT supported and represented the NTA on many fronts including bargaining, teacher representation, and training, and

Whereas, the transition of responsibility of the NTA to the NYSUT Tarrytown office has ended our affiliation to the Mid Hudson Regional Office, and

Whereas, the Mid Hudson Regional Office not only supported and represented the NTA for so many years but did so in such an outstanding fashion, be it therefore

Resolved, that we bestow our union’s highest honor, the 2011 NTA Friend of Education, to the Mid Hudson Regional Office of NYSUT.
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: D. Brown
Second: J. Conn
Passes, 1 abstention

MOTION #3

Resolved, that the NTA Delegate Assembly approve the 2011-2012 NTA Calendar.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: V. Marin
Second: B. Browne

GOOD AND WELFARE

Changes in bus schedules for next year represent a significant monetary savings as well as saving 70 jobs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm

Moved: B. Browne
Second: K. Wingfield
Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary